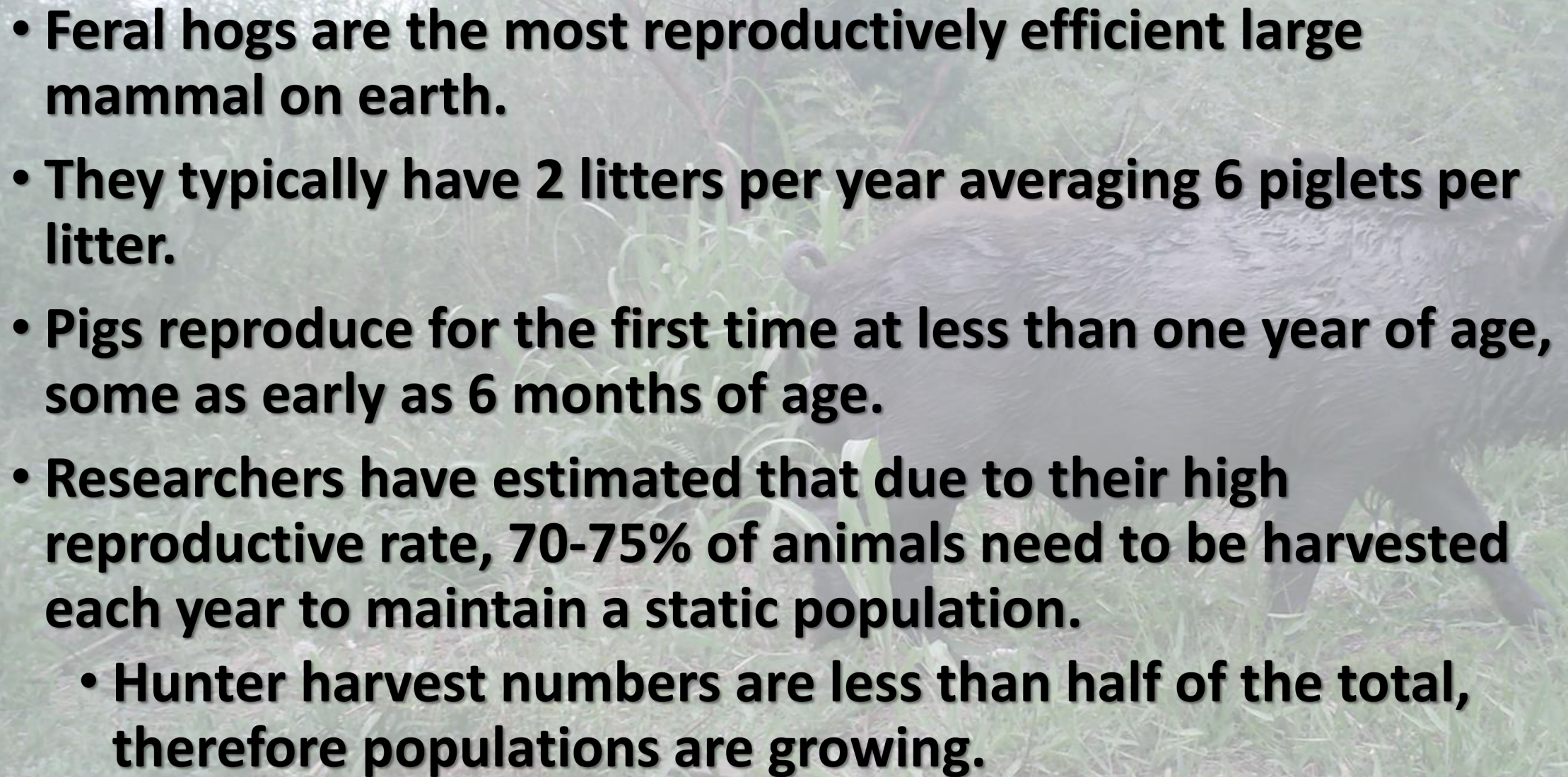


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- A feral hog is visible in the background, partially obscured by the text. It is a dark-colored pig with a curly tail, standing in a grassy field with trees in the distance.
- **Feral hogs are the most reproductively efficient large mammal on earth.**
 - **They typically have 2 litters per year averaging 6 piglets per litter.**
 - **Pigs reproduce for the first time at less than one year of age, some as early as 6 months of age.**
 - **Researchers have estimated that due to their high reproductive rate, 70-75% of animals need to be harvested each year to maintain a static population.**
 - **Hunter harvest numbers are less than half of the total, therefore populations are growing.**